**SCAVENGER**

**HUNT**

**The First Americans**

**NAME:**

**Directions:** What do you know about the Thanksgiving holiday? At the Web site given, read about the history of Thanksgiving from 1621 to 2013. Then read each question below. Three possible answers appear for each question. Click on the corresponding box for each correct answer.

**Web Resources:** Pilgrim Hall Museum

<http://www.pilgrimhallmuseum.org/thanksgiving.htm>

1. Why was the Pilgrim’s first corn crop such a successful one?

A. Squanto had given the Pilgrims planting tips

B. The Pilgrims planted corn in hills

C. They used fish as fertilizer

D. All of the above

1. In 1621, the Pilgrims gathered for a feast, which has since come to be known as the “first Thanksgiving.” Why was that feast held?

A. To celebrate the wedding of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins

B. To celebrate the completion of the Plymouth Colony’s first church

C. To celebrate the Pilgrims’ first harvest

1. About how many people attended the first Thanksgiving?

50  140  25

1. Who issued the first proclamation making Thanksgiving an annual national holiday?

George Washington  Abraham Lincoln  James Madison

1. On what day of each year is Thanksgiving celebrated in the United States?

**Something to think about:** When do you think Thanksgiving should be celebrated? Why?

**Learn more:** Go to The 1621 Thanksgiving at <http://mayflowerhistory.com/thanksgiving> and read about the foods available to the Pilgrims in 1621. Create a possible menu for the first Thanksgiving feast.

Fourth Thursday in November

Last Thursday in November

Thursday, November 22